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Evaluation report and management response, road map to a revision of the evaluation policy of UNICEF and plan for global evaluations, 2018–2021

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the evaluation synthesis report entitled "Towards improved emergency responses: synthesis of UNICEF evaluations of humanitarian action 2010–2016" and its executive summary (E/ICEF/2018/4), including its findings, conclusions and recommendations;

2. *Welcomes* the management response to the evaluation synthesis report (E/ICEF/2018/5), including actions to improve performance in humanitarian contexts and strengthen policy guidance and programming;

3. *Requests* UNICEF to provide an update to the Executive Board at its first regular session of 2019 on the implementation of the actions to which UNICEF committed in its management response to the evaluation synthesis report;

4. *Welcomes* the plan for global evaluations, 2018–2021 (E/ICEF/2018/3);

5. *Requests* UNICEF to continue to draw on lessons learned from previous reviews, evaluation reports and management responses to ensure the effectiveness of planned evaluations;

6. *Also requests* UNICEF to present with each evaluation report a formal management response setting out actions and a timetable for implementation;

7. *Further requests* UNICEF to include in the annual report on the evaluation function in UNICEF the details of the implementation of recommendations set out in evaluation reports and agreed to in management responses, in order to monitor progress, including any implementation issues;

8. *Requests* UNICEF to seek out opportunities with other United Nations agencies for joint evaluations of joint programming as well as the common chapter of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021;

9. *Endorses* the plan for global evaluations, 2018–2021;

10. *Welcomes* the preparation of the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF, including plans for consultation with Member States; requests UNICEF to take on-board guidance from previous decisions, evaluations, reports and reviews to improve the independence, credibility, effectiveness, resources and utility of the evaluation function; and also requests UNICEF to present the policy for consideration and decision at the annual session of 2018.